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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/786,108	Applicant(s) DIXON ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-68 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-68 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-57 are pending in the instant case.

Election/Restrictions

2. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1, 4-7, 10-14, 21, 24-27, 32, 35-38, and 43-49 (each in part) drawn to polypeptides, polynucleotides, vectors, host cells, method of recombinant protein production, and method of identifying modulators of a slowly activated outward rectifier potassium channel.

Group II, claim(s) 2, 9, 15-17, 22, 28, 30, 33, 39, 41, and 43-47 (each in part) drawn to polypeptides, polynucleotides, vectors, host cells, method of recombinant protein production, and method of identifying modulators of a slowly activated outward rectifier potassium channel.

Group III, claim(s) 3, 18, 20, 23, 29, 31, 34, 40, 42, and 43-47 (each in part) drawn to polypeptides, polynucleotides, vectors, host cells, method of recombinant protein production, and method of identifying modulators of a slowly activated outward rectifier potassium channel.

Group IV, claim(s) 50 and 51 drawn to method of detecting elk1 in mammalian tissue.

Group V, claim(s) 52 and 53 drawn to computer-simulated method of screening for mutations.

Group VI, claim(s) 54-57 drawn to computer-simulated method of determining three-dimensional structure.

The inventions listed as Groups I-III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the polypeptides, polynucleotides, vectors, host cells, and method of recombinant protein production

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respectively are structurally and functionally different chemical entities, each of which can be made and used without the other, and the methods of using the compounds of Groups I-III are therefore also different. Lack of unity is shown because these compounds lack a common utility which is based upon a common structural feature that has been identified as the basis for that common utility.

The inventions listed as Groups IV-VI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the methods of groups IV-VI require compounds and modes of action that are functionally different from one another. Lack of unity is shown because these methods lack a common utility which is based upon a common compounds or modes of action that has been identified as the basis for that common utility.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Pak whose telephone number is 571-272-0879.

The examiner can normally be reached on 9 AM - 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary L Kunz can be reached on (571) 272-0887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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